



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

March 22, 2018

The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: SB 914 – As Introduced on January 22, 2018 – SUPPORT

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to sponsor AB 914, legislation that would expand the tools counties have to plan and deliver infrastructure projects by extending construction manager at-risk (CMAR) authority to all types of infrastructure projects.

A CMAR contract is a competitively procured contract with an entity that guarantees the cost of a project and furnishes construction management services, including, but not limited to, preparation and coordination of bid packages, scheduling, cost control, value engineering, evaluation, preconstruction services and construction administration.

Before construction can begin on a project, the owner and construction manager must agree on “guaranteed maximum price” for the project. The construction manager is responsible for delivering the project within the agreed upon price, thereby assuming the risk for cost-overruns. The result is better-designed, properly-phased, and cost-effective county infrastructure project.

Current law allows counties to use CMAR on projects in excess of \$1 million for the erection, construction, alteration, repair or improvement of buildings. Counties may award the projects to the lowest responsible bidder or by the best value method. Counties have CMAR authority until January 1, 2023 and must also meet specified skilled and trained workforce requirements.

SB 914 expands county authority to use the CMAR method for all infrastructure projects and maintains existing project cost thresholds of in excess of \$1 million and skilled and trained workforce requirements.

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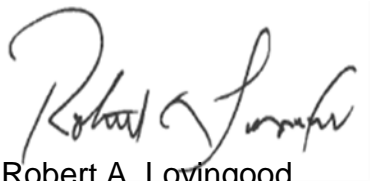
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For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 914. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Lovingood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being more prominent than the last name "Lovingood".

Robert A. Lovingood
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation